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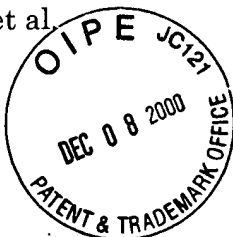
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Amin et al.

Serial No.: 09/707,522

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 34, line 1, please delete the characters "a-k)", and replace with --a-g)--.
Page 34, line 3, please delete the character s"l)" and replace with --h)-- .
Page 34, line 3, please delete the characters "(k)" and replace with --(g)--.
Page 34, line 10, please delete the characters "m)" and replace with --i)--.
Page 34, line 13, please delete the characters "n)" and replace with --j)--.
Page 34, line 20, please delete the characters "a-h)" and replace with --a-e)--.
Page 34, line 20, please delete the word "establishment" and replace with --de-establishment--.

Page 34, line 21, please delete the characters "i)" and replace with --f)--.
Page 34, line 24, please delete the characters "j)" and replace with --g)--.
Page 34, line 28, please delete the characters "k)" and replace with --h)--.
Page 34, line 29, please delete the characters "l)" and replace with --i)--.
Page 34, line 31, please delete the characters "m)" and replace with --j)--.
Page 34, line 32, please delete the characters "n)" and replace with --k)--.

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Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. this transmittal letter; and
3. return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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